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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

HEY! YOU! GET OFFA MY COVER!

WELCOME TO MY NEIGHBORHOOD!

ROBOTNIK INC.

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MANAK & DAG

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™ IN "ROCKIN' The 'BOT!" Part I

NOT ONLY AM I FASTER THAN LIGHTNING...

CRACK

ZOOM

BOOM!

... BUT I STAY DRY BY RUNNING BETWEEN THE RAINDROPS!

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HELP!

WHOA! LOOKS LIKE LIGHTNING HIT THAT TREE AND TRAPPED A POOR, LITTLE FROG!

ERT!

BE COOL, DUDE! I'M COMIN'!

RRRUMBLE!

YIKES! HE'S ABOUT TO BE BURIED UNDER A MUD SLIDE!

IT'S TOO LATE, HEDGEHOG! RUN OR YOU'LL BE BURIED!

DID YOU SAY "RUN"?!!? THAT'S THE GENERAL IDEA!

VROOOO

SPIRITS OF NATURE! POWERS OF LOVE! SEND THIS KIND HEDGEHOG A GIFT FROM ABOVE!

...AND PUT IT ON MY CREDIT CARD!

OOPS! SORRY! I CAN NEVER TELL WHERE THOSE THINGS ARE GONNA LAND!

BONK!

OW!

BONK!

OW!

BONK!

OW!

THESE ARE MAGIC STONES! EACH WILL ENDOW YOU WITH A *SPECIAL POWER!*

THE *GREEN STONE* WILL GIVE YOU GREAT *STRENGTH!* THE *RED* WILL GIVE YOUR BODY *ELASTICITY!* THE *YELLOW* STONE WILL ENABLE YOU TO *LEAP* A GREAT *DISTANCE!*

YEAH, RIGHT,... *UH-HUH* ... IS THAT *SO*?... REALLY?...THAT'S NICE!

USE THEM WISELY, HEDGEHOG! BUT REMEMBER: EACH SPECIAL POWER ONLY LASTS A FEW *MOMENTS!* FAREWELL!

LATER, BRO!

AT LEAST HE DIDN'T ASK *ME* TO KISS HIM AND TURN HIM INTO A PRINCE!

BOING!

MAN! THAT WAS WEIRD! I'LL GIVE THESE TO TAILS AND TELL HIM THAT THEY'RE *GOOD LUCK STONES!* HEH-HEH-HEH!

ZIP

A FEW DAYS LATER...

ROTOR, ARE YOU SURE THIS LAND ROVER YOU BUILT WILL GET US ACROSS THE MOBIAN BADLANDS?

THAT'S WHAT THIS TEST RUN WILL TELL US, SALLY! WE JUST HAVE TO HOPE THAT ROBOTNIK'S NOT AROUND!

CHUGA-CHUGA-CHUG...

I GUARANTEE THAT ROBOTNIK WON'T EVEN COME NEAR US, GUYS!

WHY, TAILS? DID ANTOINE FORGET TO USE HIS DEODORANT AGAIN?

CHUGA-CHUG!

SONIC, DID YOU FORGET I HAVE THE LUCKY STONES YOU GAVE ME? THEY'LL PROTECT US!

UH... YEAH! RIGHT, TAILS! I FORGOT!

EXCUSE ME, MASTER ROBOTNIK, BUT THERE APPEARS TO BE A CRUDE VEHICLE MAKING ITS WAY THROUGH THE FORBIDDEN ZONE!

...AND IT'S FULL OF FOOLISH FREEDOM FIGHTERS! TRY SAYING THAT THREE TIMES FAST, SNIVELY!

SHALL WE SWOOP DOWN AND CAPTURE THEM, SIR?

DON'T BE SUCH A *BLITHERING BAG OF BOREDOM*, SNIVELY! LET'S FIRST HAVE A LITTLE *FUN* IN MY NEW *BEETLE BOT!*

DESTROY THEIR VEHICLE!

LO-W-50

SNAX

BOY, NIGHT SURE COMES *EARLY* THIS TIME OF YEAR!

I'LL SAY! IT'S STILL *MORNING!*

WAIT! IT ISN'T ZE DARKNESS!...

...IT IS ZE SHADOW!

BUT WHAT'S CAUSING IT, SUGAH?

IT'S SOMETHING VERY BIG!

AND VERY UGLY!

BIG AND UGLY? THAT'S GOTTA BE *ROBOTNIK!*

LOOK OUT!

FIRE!
BOOOOM!!
BLLLLZAP!
BONK!
WHOOAAAAHHH!!
WHAM!
K-BAM!
CRASH
WH-WHERE ARE WE?
WHO ARE WE?
WE WERE KNOCKED INTO THIS PIT BY THAT BIG, HORRIBLE, FLYING, FLYING...
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IT'S CALLED A *BEETLE 'BOT*, PRINCESS! SURRENDER YOURSELVES IMMEDIATELY, OR I'LL BE FORCED TO GIVE YOU A DEMONSTRATION OF ITS POWER!

ROBOTNIK!

WE'RE TRAPPED!

DON'T WORRY, GUYS! I STILL HAVE THE LUCKY STONES!

GIVE ME THOSE, TAILS! I'VE GOT TO TAKE THE CHANCE THAT THESE STONES REALLY ARE MAGIC!

NOW WHICH IS THE ONE THAT WILL GIVE ME *SUPER STRENGTH*? THE *GREEN* ONE? NO! THAT'S FOR *LEAPING*... OR IS THAT THE *YELLOW* STONE?... NO, I THINK THAT'S FOR *SUPER SNEEZING*!

UH... SPEAKING OF *STONES*!

!!

ARE YOU READY FOR A LITTLE *ROCK 'N' ROLL*, FREEDOM FIGHTERS?

End of Part I

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

"ROCKIN' The BOT!"

Part II

RUN OR YOU'LL BE CRUSHED BY THAT BOULDER!

THIS RED STONE WILL GIVE ME THE STRENGTH TO CATCH THE BOULDER AND TOSS IT BACK, SALLY!

SONIC!

SPLAT!

OHHHHHHH! I SINK I AM GOING TO BE SEEK!

SONIC! YOU'RE ALL RIGHT... BUT HOW?

?!

I WARNED HIM ABOUT SPREADING HIMSELF TOO THIN, SUGAH!

NO, BUNNIE! IT'S THE *MAGIC* STONES! INSTEAD OF THE SUPER STRENGTH STONE, I ACCIDENTALLY USED THE ONE THAT GIVES YOU *ELASTICITY!*

SNIVELY! THE HEDGEHOG WASN'T HARMED BY *OUR* BOULDER! WHAT DID YOU DO WRONG?

I...I DON'T KNOW, SIR! IT SEEMED TO BE A *DIRECT HIT!*

OIL

NITWIT! TAKE *US* DOWN INTO THE PIT! WE'LL CAPTURE THE *OTHERS* AND USE THEM TO LURE THAT LITTLE RODENT TO US!

HERE COMES THE BEETLE'BOT!

RUN!

I'LL STOP HIM THIS TIME, GANG!

ONE OF THESE TWO HAS TO BE THE *STRENGTH* STONE! LET'S SEE... THE GREEN IS FOR STRENGTH, AND THE YELLOW IS FOR LEAPING! OR MAYBE THE *OPPOSITE*...?

HELP! WE ARE CAUGHT WITH OUR BACKS AGAINST ZE WALL!

...UH-OH!

NO TIME TO LOSE! I'LL TAKE A CHANCE WITH THIS YELLOW STONE...

VROOOM!

... AND BODY SLAM THAT BIG BUG!

YAAAAAAAHH...

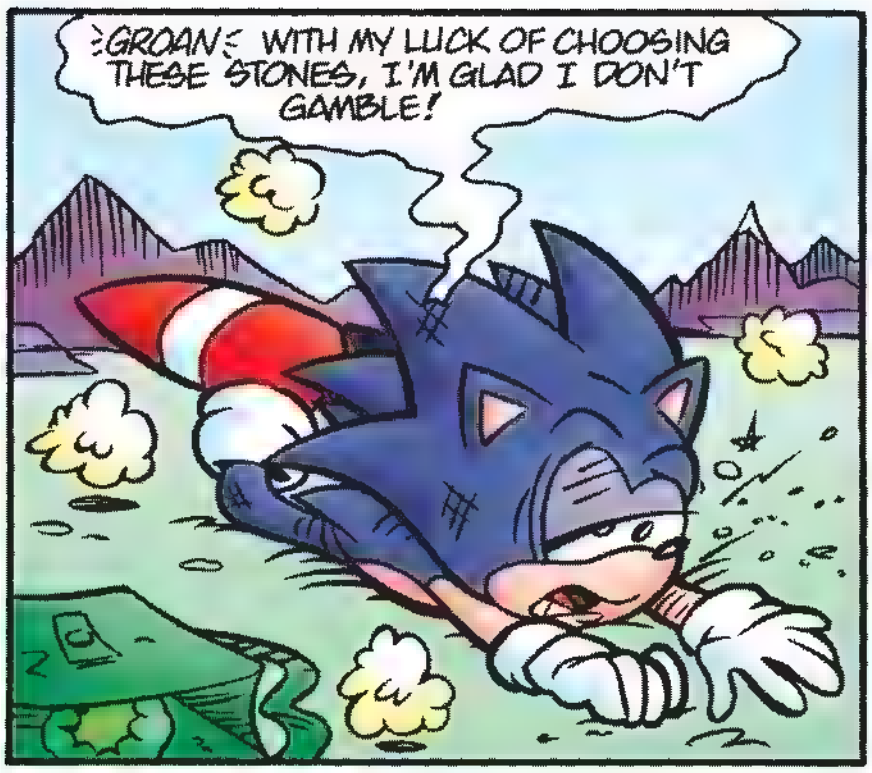
...HOO?!

GUESS WHAT, DUDES...

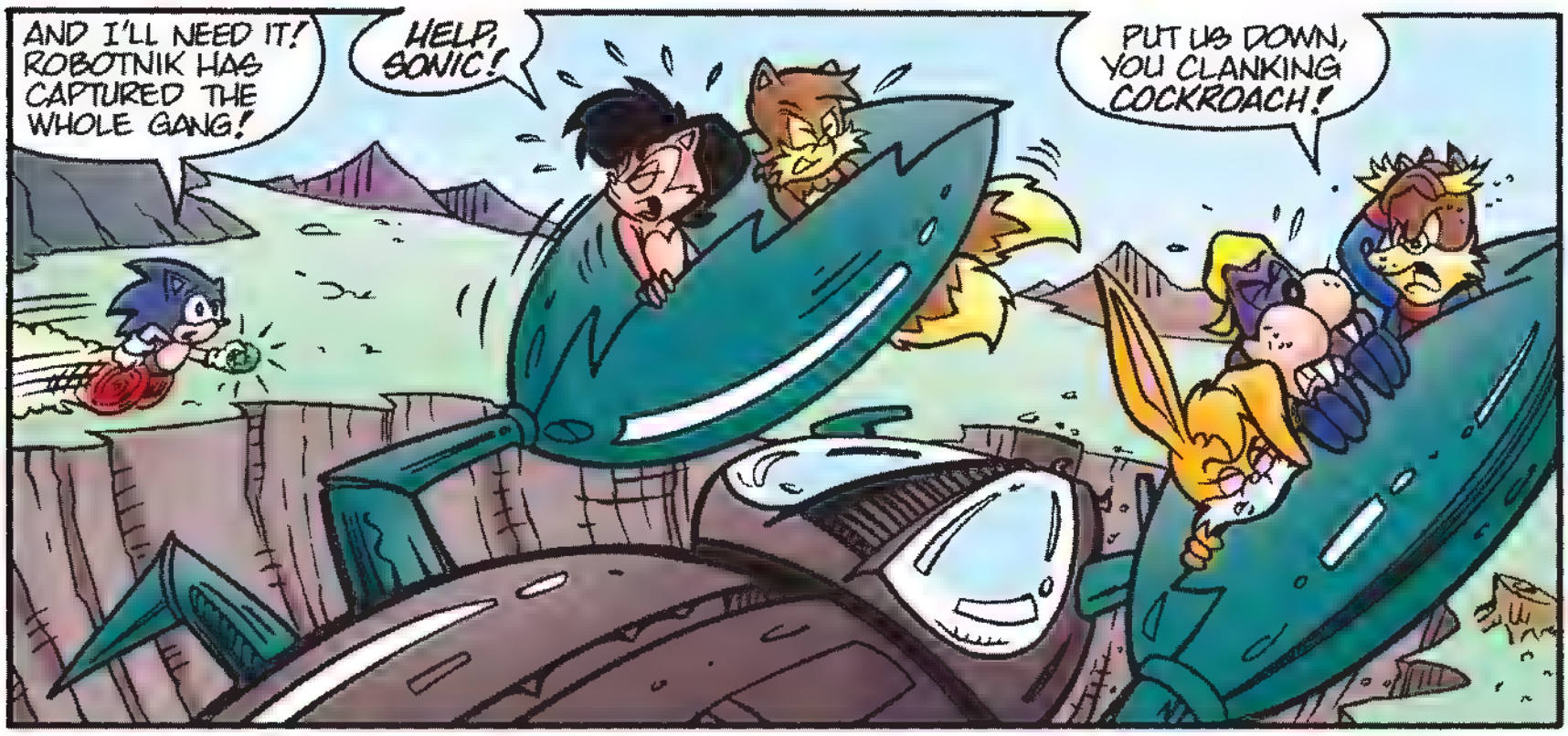
WRONG AGAIN!

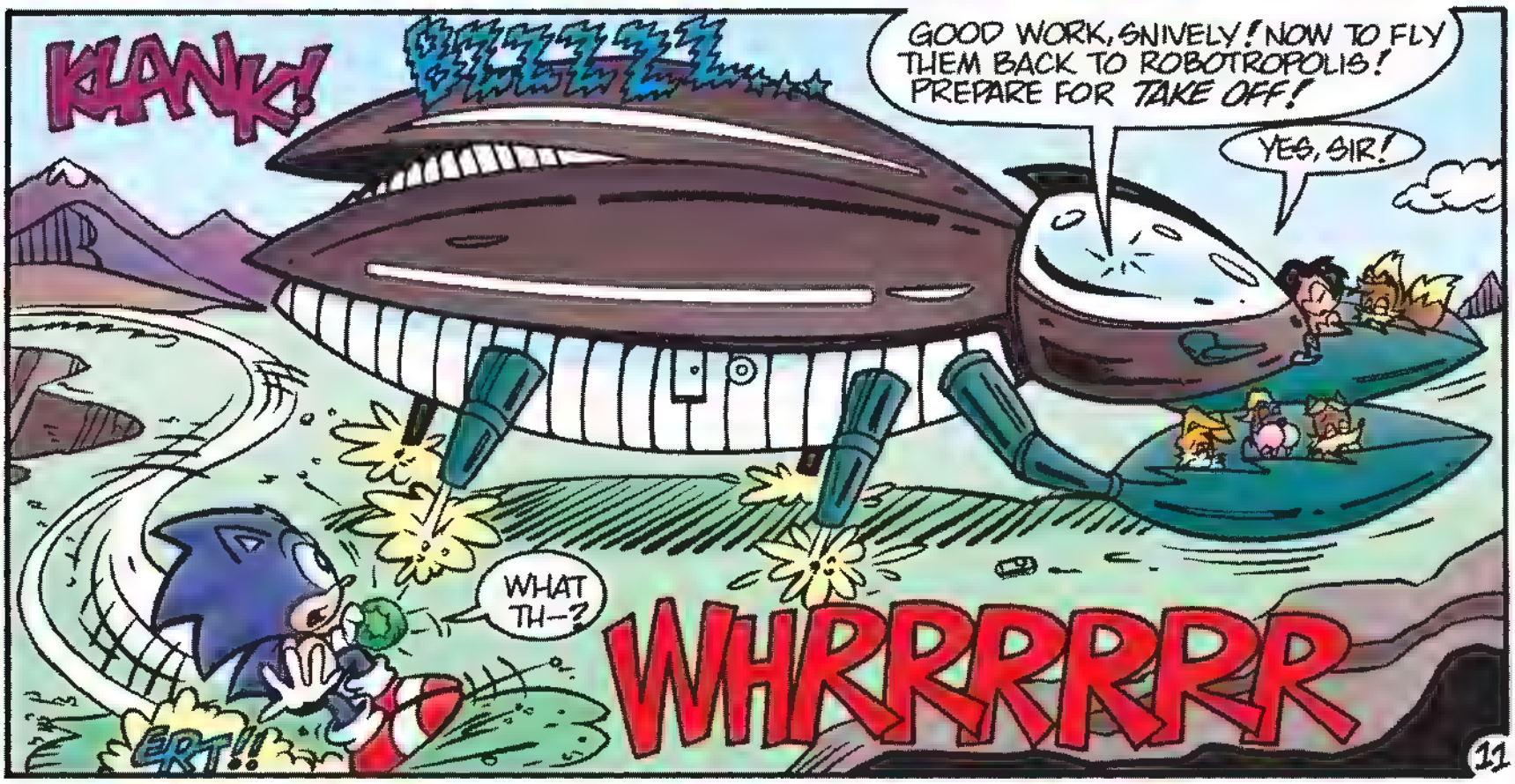
SPRUNG!

K-RASH!


:GROAN: WITH MY LUCK OF CHOOSING THESE STONES, I'M GLAD I DON'T GAMBLE!

IT'S GOT TO BE THIS LAST STONE! NOW I'LL HAVE THE STRENGTH OF A HUNDRED HEDGEHOGS!
KRIK!


AND I'LL NEED IT! ROBOTNIK HAS CAPTURED THE WHOLE GANG!
HELP, SONIC!
PUT US DOWN, YOU CLANKING COCKROACH!


KLANK!
GOOD WORK, SNIVELY! NOW TO FLY THEM BACK TO ROBOTROPOLIS! PREPARE FOR TAKE OFF!
YES, SIR!
WHAT TH—?
ERT!!
WHRRRRRR

OH, NO! THE BEETLE 'BOT IS ABOUT TO LIFT OFF! I CAN'T FLY, SO THIS STRENGTH STONE IS *USELESS!*

UNLESS...

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! SONIC IS ABANDONING US!

SONIC! COME BACK!

ZOOM!

I'M GOING TO NEED THE *TRUNK* OF THAT DEAD TREE...

...AND A *BIG SLAB OF ROCK* THAT I'LL CUT FROM THIS BOULDER!

TWEEE

FLY UG TO ROBOTROPOLIS, SNIVELY, SO I CAN ROBOTICIZE THESE FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

I'LL SEND THEM OUT TO CAPTURE THEIR FRIEND THE HEDGEHOG! HA HA- HEE HEE HO HO HOO!...

...WHA?!

YO, ROBOTNIK! I CLIMBED UP HERE TO SHOW YOU HOW I HANDLE PESKY BUGS!

SFLAM!

I SWAT 'EM!!

WE'RE FALLING, SNIVELY! DO SOMETHING!

I AM SIR! I'M GOING TO FAINT!

TIME TO DO SOME MAJOR JUICIN'!

YESSSSS!!!
CAUGHT IT!!
NOW TO FREE THE GANG!...THAT WILL REALLY BUG ROBOTNIK!
I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS, HEDGEHOG!
MMMMMMMM
ZOOO

ROTOR'S BEEN COOPED UP IN HIS LAB ALL WEEK,

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

"WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?"

KEEP OUT! THIS MEANS YOU!

CAUTION! GENIUS AT WOR

WARNING DANGER! WAR DAN ING!

SAW...

HAMMER...

BOOM! BOOM!

I DUNNO, PRINCESS...

--BUT GIVEN HIS TRACK RECORD...

THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS!!

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HARVEY MERCADOOCASIO
INKS

"LAST TIME HE WAS DEVELOPING A FORMULA FOR CARBONATED MILKSHAKES...

PLOP! PLOP! FZZZZ FZZZZ

"... AND WE ALL KNOW HOW THAT TURNED OUT!"

KA-BOOM

MOOOOoooooooo.....

I REMEMBER...

...WE SPENT THE NEXT WEEK SCRUBBING DOWN THE WALLS!

:GROAN!:

MISSING "ELSIE"

Have you seen me?

I WILL NEVAIR DRINK MILK AGAIN!

"...REMEMBER WHEN HE TRIED TO ADD JELLY *AND* BREAD TO PEANUT BUTTER..?"

LOOK!! A COMPLETE SANDWICH!!... UH-OH!

YECH!

SQUISH!

SO HE'S MADE A FEW MISTAKES... WHO *HASN'T?* THAT'S WHAT *ERASERS* ARE FOR!

SNAP!

HEY... I KNOW WHAT HE'S UP TO...

"I'LL BET HE'S WORKED ALL THE BUGS OUT OF HIS *UNIVERSAL FRAMMISTAT!*"

WHIRRR

BRRRAPP!

CLICK!

PING!

POCKETA-POCKETA

TING!

K-CHING!

PLOP!

CLANK!

GRIND!

WHRRRR!

UNIVERSAL "WHATSIS"?!

IT'S SCIENCE... WHO KNOWS?

T'AIN'T NOTHIN' FRIVOLOUS LIKE THAT, TAILS!

'FORE HE HOLED UP IN THERE, ROTOR SAID THAT HIS LATEST CREATION WOULD BENEFIT ALL ANIMAL KIND! AND THAT COULD ONLY MEAN...

"HE'S CULTIVATED A SELF-WATERING GARDEN!"

AHHHH! THIS IS THE LIFE!

Keep off the grass or ELSE!

Bunnie's Garden (100% ORGANIC) -KEEP OUT-

NAH, THAT'S A DUMB IDEA!

IT'S GOTTA BE A NUCLEAR-POWERED SKATEBOARD!!

YEAAAAHHH!!

VAROOOM

AND THAT'S NOT A DUMB IDEA?

DO YOU HAVE A BETTER ONE?

AS A MATTER OF FACT, I DO: GLOW-IN-THE-DARK POPCORN!

TOP THAT, WISE GUY!

HAH! NO PROBLEMO! THE STAY-FRESH LIGHTBULB!

LIGHTBULBS DON'T SPOIL, DUM-DUM!

THEY DON'T? THEN WHY DO THEY PUT THEM IN REFRIGERATORS?

:sigh!:

YOU ARE WRONG, CHILI-DOG BREATH!

ANY FOOL CAN PLAINLY SEE THAT IT'S... IT'S--

UH, OH...

...I'VE RUN OUT OF IDEAS.

:snicker!:

KEEP OUT! THIS MEANS YOU!

CAUTION GENIUS AT WORK

WARNIN DANGE WARNIN DANG

OKAY! I ADMIT IT! I CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO IMAGINE WHAT ROTOR'S COOKING UP IN THERE!

CAN YOU?

NO, I GUESS I CAN'T!

WE'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL HE'S FINISHED!

KEEP OUT!

GRRRRRRR...

UMBLE

WHOOM!

I'M FINISHED!!

"WASHED-UP" MIGHT BE A BETTAIR CHOICE OF WORDS!

SO WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN COOKING UP IN THERE?

I'M GLAD YOU ASKED!

IT'S A THERMOS!™

IT KEEPS HOT THINGS HOT...

... AND COLD THINGS COLD!!

LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT...

IT KEEPS HOT THINGS HOT?

... AND COLD THINGS COLD?

WHAT GOOD IS THAT?!

SORRY, ROTOR...

...BUT SOMEHOW I DON'T THINK YOUR THERMOS™ IDEA WILL BE A HOT ITEM!!

...BUT IT WILL FIT IN MY LUNCH BOX!!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

TH' END!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™ in "ANIMAL MAGNETISM"

WHEEEEEE! THANKS FOR HELPING ME USE MY BROKEN TREE SWING, BUNNIE!

DON'T MENTION IT, SUGAH TAILS!

SNIVELY, DID YOU HAVE TO SHOW ME SUCH A *DISGUSTINGLY PLEASANT* SCENE?!

SORRY, MASTER ROBOTNIK, BUT IT WAS THE ONLY VIDEO I COULD FIND...

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...THAT FEATURES THE *FREEDOM FIGHTER* KNOWN AS *BUNNIE!* SHE'S THE ONE WHO IS HALF RABBIT AND HALF ROBOT!

I'M *AWARE* OF THAT, YOU FOOL...

... AND I'M GOING TO USE THAT HALF ROBOT TO BRING ABOUT THE COMPLETE DOWN-FALL OF SONIC AND HIS FRIENDS!

LATER, IN THE GREAT FOREST...

ARE YOU SURE IT'S SAFE TO HAVE AN OUTDOOR BARBECUE, SONIC?

SURE! SALLY AND 'TWAN ARE WATCHING THE SKIES FOR ROBOTNIK'S SHIPS!

SINCE YOU DON'T LIKE MY MOBIAN MUSH, I'M TRYING SOMETHING NEW..

...BARBECUED MOBIAN MUSH!

BLEH!!

HERE'S THE LADLE YOU ASKED FOR, ROTOR!

HUH?!

DUCK, EVERYONE!!

THERE GOES THE MUSH!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

IT LOOKS LIKE EVERYTHING MADE OF METAL IS FLYING AWAY, DUDES!

--INCLUDING BUNNIE!

HELP!!

!!

SOMETHING'S PULLING HER TOWARDS THE EDGE OF THE *GREAT FOREST!*

TALK ABOUT A *HARE*-RAISING EXPERIENCE!

I'D BETTER JUICE AND GET THERE BEFORE BUNNIE DOES!

VROOM

YIPES!!

SKREEEEEEE!!!

MY *MAGNABOT* IS A GREAT INVENTION, SNIVELY! AND ONCE I'VE CAPTURED THE RABBIT, THE OTHER FREEDOM FIGHTERS WILL TRY TO RESCUE HER...

...AND WE'LL CATCH THEM ALL, SIR!!

CLANK!

CLINK!

CLINK!

CLANK

IT'S ONE OF ROBOTNIK'S *GIANT 'BOTS!!* AND IT'S GOT A SUPER ELECTRO-MAGNET!!

SONIC! HELP! I CAN'T HOLD ON TO THIS TREE MUCH LONGER!

POOR BUNNIE! I'VE GOT TO FIND A WAY TO ELIMINATE THE MAGNETIC FIELD!!

BONK!

OW!

I'VE GOT TO WATCH OUT FOR FLYING METAL!... DID I SAY "FLYING METAL"?

THAT'S IT!!

Snap!

THUNK!

I CAN PULL THIS LID FROM THE *LIMITED* AREA OF THE MAGNETIC FIELD!

...AND I'M FAST ENOUGH TO RACE OUT OF THE FIELD'S *BOUNDARIES* BEFORE I'M *CAUGHT!*

ZOOM!

YO, ROBOTNIK! DON'T TELL ME YOU BUILT THAT BIG HUNK OF JUNK TO CATCH ONE LITTLE RABBIT? WHY DON'T YOU TRY TO CATCH ME?!

IT'S THE HEDGEHOG, SIR! HE'S HOLDING A METAL OBJECT, BUT HE'S OUT OF THE FIELD'S AREA! SHALL I *WIDEN* THE ARC *NOW* AND CAPTURE HIM?

NO! WAIT TILL I SAY SO, THEN TURN MY MAGNABOT TOWARD HIM QUICKLY AND *CRANK UP THE POWER!*

C'MON, ROBOTNIK! I'M MAKING IT EASY FOR YOU!

NOW, SIR?

NOT YET...

OKAY, HAVE IT YOUR WAY, CRUDE DUDE! I'LL JUST STROLL BACK HOME...

NOW, SNIVELY! TURN THE FIELD UP FULL FORCE AND GET HIM!!

HE'S MOVING, SIR, BUT I'VE GOT HIM IN SIGHT!

WAIT, SNIVELY!! DON'T FOLLOW HIM! STOP!!

MISSED ME!!

FZZZZOOF!

OH, NO!! HE GOT US TO FACE ROBOTROPOLIS... AND EVERYTHING MADE OF METAL IS HEADING OUR WAY!

SNIVELY, HE DID IT AGAIN! I... I...

...I KNOW, SIR! YOU "HATE" THAT HEDGEHOG!!"

CLUNK!

TINK!

LET'S GO, BUNNIE! WHEN ROBOTNIK DIGS HIS WAY OUT, HE CAN HOLD A JUNK SALE!

CLUNK!

THUNK!

CLANK!

KA-THUNK!

BACK IN KNOTHOLE...

I'M COATING YOU WITH A SPECIAL SOLUTION, BUNNIE! NOW, NO MAGNET WILL BE ABLE TO ATTRACT YOU!

(SIGH) THANKS, SUGAH...

...BUT AH NEVER THOUGHT AH'D WANT MY MAGNETIC PERSONALITY TO BE UNATTRACTIVE!!!

THE END